SENATE BILL 3244 By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, relative to kickbacks involving towing of vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 16, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

55-16-113.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a towing firm shall not make, confer or offer any payment or any other pecuniary benefit to an owner or manager of property from which the firm has towed a vehicle with the intent of rewarding the owner or manager for referring the vehicle for towing.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, an owner or manager of property from which a towing firm has towed a vehicle may not solicit or receive any payment or other pecuniary benefit from a towing firm in exchange for referring a vehicle for towing to the firm.
 - (c) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) is a Class C misdemeanor.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.